

# THE VVFC NEWS ALERT BACKPAGE FEBRUARY/MARCH 2006

## INFLUENZA SEASON 2006-2007

Influenza season 2005-06 is coming to a close and it is already time to think about next season! The 2006-07 season is just around the corner and this year, VVFC will be taking advanced influenza vaccine orders again.

In this mailing, you will find a VVFC Influenza Vaccine Advanced Order Form. This is the only order form you will need to fill out to receive VVFC influenza vaccine for the 2006-07 season, but **you must return it to the VVFC office by the close of business, April 14, 2006.**



The influenza Vaccine Information Statements for 2006-07 have not been published yet, so we will be including them in a future Backpage once they are produced by CDC (Aug/Sept).

## VVFC AWARDS

### Exceptional Immunization Rates

*Fredericksburg Pediatrics, Fredericksburg  
The Kidz Docs, Alexandria  
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*Physicians to Children, Roanoke*

*Practice of Sawsan A. Talib, M.D., Alexandria*

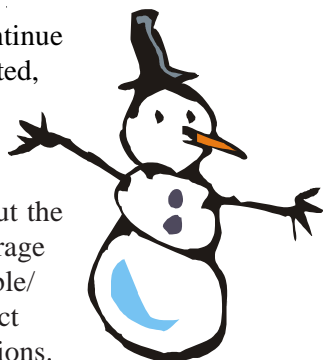
(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)

### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

*Riverside Pediatrics, Newport News*

## VVFC VACCINE TIDBITS

- Prevnar is now available only in 10x1 0.5mL syringes. VVFC will continue shipping vials until our supply is depleted, then will begin shipping the syringes.
- Please do not send patients to an outside pharmacy with a prescription for vaccines. We are concerned about the vaccines being kept at the proper storage temperature. Have in stock chargeable/private stock vaccines. Please contact your consultant if you have any questions.



## ACCOUNTABILITY TALLY REPORTS PRIVATE FACILITIES

In continued efforts to increase accountability, *private* facilities are being asked to track their inventory and the number of VVFC vaccine doses administered to VVFC eligible children using a VVFC Vaccine Tally Report (separate mailing).

**In order to measure accountability, private facilities must document a starting inventory, two months of doses administered, and a final inventory.** Private facilities have been divided up into three groups and will be sent an individualized mailing with their specific deadlines. Group 1 has already started their Tally Reports, and Group 2 should be receiving their mailing by the end of February. Group 3 will be sent their mailing towards the end of March. Group 1 = P1, P10, P11...P100, P110... to P349 Group 2 = P35, P350, P351...P36, P360... to P659 Group 3 = P65, P650, P651...P66, P660... and up *VVFC reserves the right to place a hold on your vaccine orders if your reports are not received by the deadline indicated in your mailing.*

## MMRV VACCINE

VVFC is now offering MMRV vaccine as of January 12, 2006. According to the ACIP VFC Resolution, "MMRV is approved for children age 12 months to 12 years. MMRV is not indicated for vaccination of children <1 year of age. **MMRV should not be administered for the second dose of MMR except when a dose of a varicella vaccine is also indicated or if no MMR is available at the time the second dose of MMR is indicated.**"

- MMRV should only be administered when all antigens are indicated.
- Please be sure to use your current stock of MMR and varicella vaccine in order to prevent wastage (\$68.92 for every dose of MMR plus varicella vaccine).
- MMRV is very fragile. When administering multiple vaccinations, it should be **the last reconstituted and first administered.**
- MMRV cannot be stored in the refrigerator at all, even for short periods of time.

